

May 2014 Immigration Fraud Reading List

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Fraud Against Immigrants, Including the Unauthorized Practice of Law (UPL):

- **May 13, 2014** - Jerome Woman Sentenced To 70 Months For Immigration Fraud Scheme (Boise, ID)
<http://www.justice.gov/usao/id/news/2014/may/perez05132014.html>

http://magicvalley.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/jerome-woman-sentenced-in-immigration-scam/article_ffcbbf8a-dad4-11e3-90c1-001a4bcf887a.html

http://magicvalley.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/sentencing-delayed-for-jerome-woman-who-ran-immigration-scam/article_33b3a054-d172-11e3-928a-001a4bcf887a.html

- **May 13, 2014** – Attorney General Lori Swanson Files Lawsuit Against Outfits That Exploited Immigrants By Falsely Posing As Immigration Attorneys (St. Paul, MN)
<http://www.ag.state.mn.us/Consumer/PressRelease/05132014OutfitsThatExploitedImmigrants.asp>

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2014/may/13/lawsuit-accuses-woman-of-exploiting-immigrants/>

<http://www.startribune.com/local/259094411.html>

http://www.shakopeenews.com/news/general_news/swanson-files-suit-against-woman-for-falsely-posing-as-immigration/article_45f359cd-8580-57c1-8a44-d706e8fe4346.html

- **May 9, 2014** – Boulder Attorney Accused Of Scamming Immigrants (Boulder, CO)
<http://denver.cbslocal.com/2014/05/09/boulder-attorney-accused-of-scamming-immigrants/>

http://www.denverpost.com/breakingnews/ci_25732993/boulder-immigration-lawyer-now-facing-over-50-charges

- **May 8, 2014** – Man Posing as Immigration Attorney Charged with Grand Theft, Unlawful Practice of Law (Los Angeles, CA)
http://da.lacounty.gov/mr/pdf/05.08.14.Man_Posing_as_Immigration_Attorney_Charged_with_Grand_Theft,_Unlawful_Practice_of_Law.pdf

<http://www.sgvtribune.com/general-news/20140508/hacienda-heights-man-accused-of-theft-practicing-law-without-license>

▪ **May 7, 2014** – City Cracks Down on Fraudulent Immigration Service Providers (Chicago, IL)
<http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/bacp/provdrs/enforce/news/2014/may/citycracksdownonfraudulentimmigrationserviceproviders.html>

http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2014-05-08/news/chi-chicago-cracking-down-on-notarios-20140508_1_immigration-service-naturalization-process-providers

Facilitators of Immigration Fraud:

▪ **May 15, 2014** - Topeka Man Pleads Guilty To Arranging Fraudulent Marriages (Topeka, KS)
<http://www.justice.gov/usao/ks/PressReleases/2014/May%202014/May15a.html>

<http://cjonline.com/news/2014-05-15/feds-topeka-matchmaker-arranged-illegal-marriages-between-immigrants-us-citizens>

▪ **May 7, 2014** - English Language School Owner Sentenced For Immigration Fraud (Atlanta, GA)
<http://www.justice.gov/usao/gan/press/2014/05-07-14.html>

<http://www.fbi.gov/atlanta/press-releases/2014/english-language-school-owner-sentenced-for-immigration-fraud>

<http://www.ice.gov/news/releases/1405/140508atlanta.htm>

<http://www.ajc.com/news/news/state-regional-govt-politics/school-official-sentenced-on-immigration-fraud-cha/nfrDh/>

<http://www.gwinnettdailyreport.com/news/2014/may/07/leader-of-duluth-school-for-immigrants-sentenced/>

▪ **May 7, 2014** – SoCal immigration consultants sentenced to prison in scheme that filed bogus asylum applications for hundreds of Chinese nationals (Los Angeles, CA)
<http://www.ice.gov/news/releases/1405/140507santaana.htm>

<http://www.uscis.gov/news/news-releases/immigration-consultants-sentenced-filing-bogus-asylum-applications>

<http://www.scpr.org/blogs/multiamerican/2014/05/07/16572/two-la-area-immigration-consultants-sentenced-in-a/>

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-immigration-fraud-20140507-story.html>

▪ **May, 2, 2014** - ICE assists Colombian authorities in dismantling visa fraud scheme (Bogota, Colombia)
<http://www.ice.gov/news/releases/1405/140502bogota.htm>

▪ **May 1, 2014** - 5 indicted for producing, distributing counterfeit government ID documents (Birmingham, AL)
<http://www.ice.gov/news/releases/1405/140501birmingham.htm>

▪ **April 28, 2014** – 45th defendant sentenced to more than 6 years in federal prison for trafficking identities of Puerto Rican US citizens (Washington, DC)

<http://www.ice.gov/news/releases/1404/140428washingtondc4.htm>

<http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/2014/April/14-crm-446.html>

▪ **April 16, 2014** – Four Kenyan Nationals Sentenced in Marriage Fraud Conspiracy (Houston, TX)

<http://www.justice.gov/usao/txs/1News/Releases/2014%20April/140416%20-Ogoti%20et%20al%20et%20al.html>

<http://www.uscis.gov/news/news-releases/four-kenyan-nationals-sentenced-marriage-fraud-conspiracy>

<http://abclocal.go.com/ktrk/story?id=9506394>

▪ **April 15, 2014** - Two Lawyers And Office Worker Convicted Of Immigration Fraud Offenses Following Jury Trial In Manhattan Federal Court (New York, NY)

<http://www.justice.gov/usao/nys/pressreleases/April14/LiuBandrichYangVerdict.php>

<http://www.fbi.gov/newyork/press-releases/2014/two-lawyers-and-office-worker-convicted-of-immigration-fraud-offenses-following-jury-trial-in-manhattan-federal-court>

▪ **April 14, 2014** – Attorney Charged With Filing False Immigration Documents On Behalf Of Alien/Client (Atlanta, GA)

<http://www.justice.gov/usao/gan/press/2014/04-14-14b.html>

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2014/apr/14/immigration-lawyer-accused-of-visa-fraud/>

<http://www.ajc.com/news/news/national-govt-politics/white-house-honoree-faces-immigration-related-char/nfbXR/>

Fraud by Individuals for Their Own Benefit:

▪ **May 14, 2014** – Plea set for woman accused of hiding terror past (Detroit, MI)

<http://www.politico.com/blogs/under-the-radar/2014/05/plea-set-for-woman-accused-of-hiding-terror-past-188547.html>

▪ **May 14, 2014** - Rapist of mail-order bride lied to bring woman into U.S. (Tacoma, WA)

<http://www.seattlepi.com/local/article/Rapist-of-mail-order-bride-lied-to-bring-woman-5479011.php>

▪ **May 13, 2014** - Alleged War Criminal Arrested On Fraud Charges (Philadelphia, PA)

http://www.justice.gov/usao/pae/News/2014/May/woewiyu_release.htm

<http://m.ice.gov/news/releases/1405/140513philadelphia.htm?f=m>

<http://www.voanews.com/content/liberia-charles-taylor-former-defense-minister-arrested-in-us/1914946.html>

<http://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/news/local/Liberia-Crimes-Arrest-259228431.html>

▪ **May 7, 2014** - Minnesota Man Charged with Immigration Fraud for Failing to Disclose Crimes Committed in Bosnia and Military Service During the Bosnian Conflict (St. Paul, MN)
<http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/2014/May/14-crm-481.html>

<http://www.ice.gov/news/releases/1405/140507stpaul.htm>

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/guilty-plea-immigration-fraud-case-23688347>

▪ **April 17, 2014** - Former Denver woman charged with visa fraud, tax fraud and aggravated identity theft (Denver, CO)
<http://www.ice.gov/news/releases/1404/140417denver.htm>

<http://www.justice.gov/usao/co/news/2014/apr/4-17-14.html>

Other Matters:

▪ **May 12, 2014** - US prosecutors aim for more human rights cases (Arlington, VA)
<http://news.yahoo.com/us-prosecutors-aim-more-human-rights-cases-070327940.html>

▪ **April 29, 2014** – Daily News/CUNY Citizenship NOW! program helps fend off immigrant predators: DA (New York, NY)
<http://www.nydailynews.com/new-york/citizenship-now/daily-news-cuny-citizenship-program-helps-da-article-1.1772703>

▪ **April 27, 2014** - A Smuggler of Immigrants Dies in Prison, but Is Praised in Chinatown (New York, NY)
<http://www.nytimes.com/2014/04/28/nyregion/cheng-chui-ping-a-smuggler-of-immigrants-dies-in-prison-but-is-praised-in-chinatown.html>

<http://www.npr.org/blogs/codeswitch/2014/04/29/307770316/ringleader-of-human-smuggling-ring-dies-leaving-a-complex-legacy>